

EXHIBIT 1

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

W. A. DREW EDMONDSON, in his)
capacity as ATTORNEY GENERAL)
OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA and)
OKLAHOMA SECRETARY OF THE)
ENVIRONMENT C. MILES TOLBERT,)
in his capacity as the)
TRUSTEE FOR NATURAL RESOURCES)
FOR THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA,)

Plaintiff,)

vs.)

4:05-CV-00329-TCK-SAJ

TYSON FOODS, INC., et al,)

Defendants.)

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as a witness on behalf of the Plaintiff in the above
styled and numbered cause, taken on the 27th day of
January, 2009, in the City of Tulsa, County of
Tulsa, State of Oklahoma, before me, Lisa A.
Steinmeyer, a Certified Shorthand Reporter, duly
certified under and by virtue of the laws of the
State of Oklahoma.

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1 wait for you to finish your answer before asking
2 another one so that the court reporter can get that
3 down. With others being on the phone today and
4 making objections, it will be a little more
5 distracting I think so if they do make an objection, 08:54AM
6 wait until it's completed and then we'll go forward
7 with your responses. All right?

8 A Okay.

9 Q We will take periodic breaks. At any time you
10 feel like you want to take a break and we haven't 08:54AM
11 taken one, let me know and we'll do that. All
12 right?

13 A Okay.

14 Q Tell the court where you reside.

15 A I live in West Lafayette, Indiana. 08:55AM

16 Q And you're employed there; correct?

17 A I am employed at Purdue University.

18 Q Since you agreed to appear and testify, have
19 you been contacted by any of the poultry integrator
20 defendant lawyers in this case? 08:55AM

21 A Yes. I got subpoena and a phone call from
22 Robert George and Michael --

23 Q Bond?

24 A Bond, yes.

25 Q All right. When did that call occur; do you 08:55AM

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1 remember?

2 A It occurred last week.

3 Q All right, and they called you?

4 A Yes.

5 Q And what did they say when they called you? 08:55AM

6 A I guess the conversation was they wanted to
7 know if I was a paid expert on this case and if I
8 was going to take any side and wanted to know what
9 it was going to be about.

10 Q And did you respond to their question whether 08:55AM
11 you were a paid expert?

12 A Yes, I did respond to that question.

13 Q What was your response?

14 A I am not a paid expert.

15 Q All right. Did they ask you any other 08:56AM
16 questions or make any other statements to you in
17 that conversation?

18 A I recall I think one of the questions was if I
19 understood some of the comments I make could
20 potentially determine the liability in this case. 08:56AM

21 Q Did those statements to you make you feel
22 uncomfortable in any way?

23 A No, it did not.

24 Q Okay. Now, you and I have spoken before
25 today; is that correct? 08:56AM

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1 A Yes.

2 Q One time at your office and one time in my
3 office yesterday; is that true?

4 A Yes.

5 Q All right. In those discussions, were you 08:56AM
6 asked to say anything you could not believe was
7 true?

8 MS. LONGWELL: Object.

9 A No.

10 Q Has anyone for the State of Oklahoma or its 08:57AM
11 attorneys requested that you render an opinion in
12 connection with the facts in this case?

13 A No.

14 Q Have you seen the complaint filed by the State
15 of Oklahoma against the poultry integrator 08:57AM
16 defendants in this case?

17 A No.

18 Q Do you know, in fact, who all the defendants
19 are in this case?

20 A No, I do not. 08:57AM

21 Q You heard lawyers this morning announce for
22 various companies, did you not?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Other than that, have you heard the names of
25 the defendants in this case? 08:57AM

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1 **A** No. This is the first time I heard some of
2 those names.

3 **Q** Do you know a gentleman by the name of Bernard
4 Engel?

5 **A** I know him. 08:57AM

6 **Q** How long have you known him?

7 **A** We have worked together for a little over two
8 years now, and I've known him for more than seven or
9 eight years.

10 **Q** All right, and where did you first meet him; 08:57AM
11 do you recall?

12 **A** We first met in a conference, our professional
13 American Society of Agricultural and Biological
14 Engineering Conference.

15 **Q** All right. Have you looked at or read Dr. 08:58AM
16 Engel's expert report that he prepared for this
17 case?

18 **A** I have not.

19 **Q** Have you looked at any parts of it?

20 **A** No. 08:58AM

21 **Q** Have you discussed with Dr. Engel the nature
22 and scope of his opinions contained in that report
23 that he has prepared for this case?

24 **A** No, I have not.

25 **Q** Have you seen or read any of the expert 08:58AM

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1 reports submitted by the defendants in this case?

2 A No.

3 Q Have you looked at any or read any reports
4 submitted by other experts submitted by the State of
5 Oklahoma in this case?

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6 A No.

7 Q Do you know the names of the experts used by
8 the State of Oklahoma in this case?

9 A I do not.

10 Q Do you know the names of the experts used by
11 the defendants in this case?

08:58AM

12 A I do not.

13 Q Have you been asked at any time to perform
14 work for any expert who's identified himself to be
15 an expert in this case?

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16 A Can you ask that question again?

17 Q Have you been requested by any person
18 identifying themselves to be an expert in this case to
19 do work for them?

20 A No.

08:59AM

21 Q Have you looked at or read any transcripts of
22 either Dr. Engel or others in this case?

23 A No.

24 Q Have you been provided any data that was
25 gathered by the State or people working on behalf of

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1 the State of Oklahoma in this case?

2 A No.

3 Q Have you been provided any data provided
4 through the defendants in this case?

5 A No. 08:59AM

6 Q What, if any, encouragement or discouragement
7 has Dr. Engel provided to you for your testimony
8 today, if any?

9 A None.

10 Q Has Dr. Engel put any pressure on you to 08:59AM
11 testify?

12 A No, he has not. I don't see how he can put
13 pressure. I'm a tenured professor at Purdue. So no
14 one can.

15 Q Have you been promised anything for your 09:00AM
16 testimony in this case?

17 A No.

18 Q Have your expenses been paid to come to Tulsa?

19 A Yes.

20 Q And what expenses were those? 09:00AM

21 A Airfare and hotel.

22 Q All right. Have you, sir, in your
23 professional career at any time been requested
24 directly by any of the defendants in this case to
25 perform consulting work on their behalf? 09:00AM

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1 A No.

2 Q Have you performed any consulting work for the
3 State of Oklahoma in the past?

4 A No.

5 Q Have you been retained to provide an opinion 09:00AM
6 about the State of Oklahoma experts' opinions?

7 A No.

8 Q Have you been retained to consult with any of
9 the State's experts on any issue in this case?

10 A No. 09:01AM

11 Q Have you been retained by anyone to provide
12 opinions as to the defendants' experts' opinions?

13 A No.

14 Q Other than coming to testify today in Tulsa,
15 have you been asked by me or others for the State of 09:01AM
16 Oklahoma to do any work on this case?

17 A No.

18 Q Other than your coming today to testify, have
19 you been asked by me or others for the State of
20 Oklahoma to form any opinions specifically in 09:01AM
21 connection with this case?

22 A No.

23 Q Let's talk a little bit about you, Dr.
24 Chaubey. I'm going to hand you what is Exhibit No.

25 1. I'll represent to you that this is a document 09:02AM

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1 | **A** It was from University of Allahabad in India.

2 Q Now, you've obtained a masters degree also.

3 | It's in biological and agricultural engineering.

4 | Where did you obtain that?

5 | **A** At University of Arkansas.

6 | Q And what year was that?

7 | **A** 1994.

8 Q All right. Did you have a supervisor in your
9 masters thesis work at that university?

10	A	Yes.
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11 Q Who was that?

12 | **A** Dr. Dwayne Edwards.

13 | Q Is he also known as D. R. Edwards?

14	A	Yes.
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15 Q All right. What was the thesis that you --
16 general subject matter of the thesis that you
17 provided for your masters?

18 **A** I investigated how filter strips or buffer
19 strips can be used as a best management practice to
20 filter some of the water quality constituents from
21 land-applied poultry litter and swine manure.

22 Q All right. You then obtained a PhD. Where
23 was that obtained?

24 | **A** Oklahoma State University.

25 | Q And what was the degree obtained there?

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1 **A** Biosystems engineering.

2 **Q** And what year was that degree obtained?

3 **A** 1997.

4 **Q** Did you have a thesis captain or director in
5 your work there?

09:04AM

6 **A** Yes.

7 **Q** Who was that?

8 **A** It was Dr. C. T. Hahn.

9 **Q** What was the general subject of the thesis
10 that you prepared for your doctorate?

09:05AM

11 **A** It was in the area of hydrology and watershed
12 modeling. I investigated how different
13 uncertainties relate to model inputs and parameters.

14 **Q** Okay. Let's talk a little bit about the
15 awards and honors you have listed here. There are
16 several, but are these all of the ones that you have
17 obtained?

09:05AM

18 **A** No. Actually, what I consider the most
19 significant is not listed here.

20 **Q** What is the award or honor that is significant
21 to you that's not listed?

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22 **A** It is New Holland Young Researcher Award. It
23 is given by American Society of Agricultural and
24 Biological Engineering to one researcher every year
25 younger than 40 years old.

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1 located in Arkansas; some are located in Indiana.

2 Q Are the ones in Arkansas connected to the or
3 related to the Illinois River watershed?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Are you familiar with that watershed? 09:10AM

6 A I am.

7 Q Do you know the boundaries of it generally
8 speaking?

9 A You mean boundaries of the Illinois River
10 watershed? 09:10AM

11 Q Of the Illinois River watershed.

12 A I understand the boundaries of the Illinois
13 River watershed.

14 Q Okay. Are there subwatersheds that you have
15 also been working with within the Illinois River 09:10AM
16 watershed?

17 A Yes.

18 Q What would that be?

19 A That will be Moores Creek, Lincoln Lake
20 watershed, which is a small subwatershed within IRDA 09:11AM
21 or Illinois River drainage area.

22 Q Okay. So I think I understand what you are
23 saying. Is the area you are speaking to only in
24 Arkansas and not Arkansas and Oklahoma?

25 A Yes. 09:11AM

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1 Q All right. So the subwatershed, does it have
2 a name?

3 A Moores Creek watershed. It is also at times
4 referred as Lincoln Lake watershed.

5 Q All right. Has it ever been referred to as 09:11AM
6 Muddy Fork; do you know?

7 A It is part of the Muddy Fork watershed, yes.

8 Q Okay. Let's talk a little bit about your
9 employment history, if we can, sir. Starting with
10 when you were still studying -- or tell me when was 09:11AM
11 the first time that you took a paid position in or
12 around your bachelors degree or after it, sometime
13 in that starting time frame.

14 A So in 1992 in January I started my masters
15 degree at the University of Arkansas, and I was a 09:12AM
16 half-time research assistant, working 20 hours a
17 week on a research project.

18 Q What was the nature of the project that you
19 were working on there?

20 A I was involved in looking at land application 09:12AM
21 of poultry litter and swine manure and how that
22 results in water quality, constituent transport in
23 small controlled plots, and what different best
24 management practices could be considered to minimize
25 that impact. 09:12AM

1 Q With regard to that work, did it include
2 bacteria transport as part of those constituents?

3 A Yes, it did.

4 Q All right, and that period of time was from --
5 what were the dates of that work? 09:13AM

6 A So it went from January 1992 to July 1994.

7 Q Okay. Did you then obtain employment after
8 that work in July of '94?

9 A I started my PhD in August of 1994 at Oklahoma
10 State University, and I was a half-time research 09:13AM
11 assistant there, working 20 hours a week.

12 Q What kind of work were you performing as a
13 half-time research assistant?

14 A I was involved in looking at hydrologic and
15 water quality models, how do they work in different 09:13AM
16 watersheds, how we can improve them, how we can
17 reduce their uncertainty.

18 Q Did you meet a gentleman by the name of Dr.
19 Storm while at OSU?

20 A Dr. Daniel Storm, yes. 09:13AM

21 Q And did he participate in your PhD studies in
22 any way?

23 A He was a member of my PhD committee.

24 Q After October '97, did you have additional
25 employment? 09:14AM

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1 **A** Yes.

2 **Q** Tell us what that was.

3 **A** I was assistant research scientist at
4 University of Alabama from October 1997 until April
5 2000. 09:14AM

6 **Q** And what kind of work did you do as an
7 assistant research scientist there?

8 **A** I worked as a hydrologist and water quality
9 modeler, again, in general, looking at water
10 response to runoff, sediment, nutrients. 09:14AM

11 **Q** Was that a full-time employment?

12 **A** That was a full-time employment.

13 **Q** After April 2000, did you secure employment
14 elsewhere?

15 **A** I became assistant professor at University of 09:15AM
16 Arkansas.

17 **Q** And what was the time frame that you were at
18 University of Arkansas?

19 **A** So from May 2000 until December 2006 I was
20 there. 09:15AM

21 **Q** All right, and did your position as an
22 assistant professor change at any time during that
23 period?

24 **A** In 2005 I became -- I got tenured and I was
25 promoted to associate professor. 09:15AM

1 Q All right. Where did you go after leaving
2 University of Arkansas in December of '06?

3 A So in January of 2007 I became associate
4 professor at Purdue University.

5 Q And were you hired there as a tenured 09:15AM
6 professor?

7 A No, I was not hired there as a tenured
8 professor. I got tenure last year.

9 Q You mentioned that you had done some work in
10 the watershed of Indiana and then you've talked 09:16AM
11 about the Illinois River watershed. Are there any
12 other watersheds that you've had experience with
13 besides those two? I say two. Let me back up. How
14 many Indiana watersheds have you been involved with
15 in doing your work or study? 09:16AM

16 A At least half a dozen of Indiana watersheds
17 I'm working on right now.

18 Q Other than the Illinois River watershed, are
19 there others in Arkansas that you've done work in?

20 A I've worked in Beaver Lake watershed. I was 09:16AM
21 involved in Eucha-Spavinaw watershed and a number of
22 what I call priority watersheds in Arkansas.

23 Q What kind of watersheds?

24 A Priority watersheds.

25 Q Priority watersheds, okay. Just briefly tell 09:17AM

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1 the court, if you would, what kind of areas of study
2 or investigation you were conducting in these
3 various watersheds; are they consistent with what
4 you've done in your degrees?

5 A Yes. They are all related to agricultural 09:17AM
6 watersheds and looking at different processes
7 related to hydrology and water quality, how do these
8 processes affect what gets transported from these
9 watersheds, how we can mathematically model them and
10 what kind of different management practices we can 09:17AM
11 evaluate to see what happens.

12 Q All right. How long now have you then -- I
13 want to speak now basically about the Illinois River
14 watershed or its subbasins. How long have you been
15 directly involved in studying or investigating that 09:18AM
16 watershed or its subbasins?

17 A My masters thesis was based on work in the
18 Illinois River watershed, and then when I came back
19 as a faculty in 2000, since then I have been
20 involved in a number of projects in the watershed. 09:18AM

21 Q All right. So some of that work was in the
22 early '90's and then again starting in around 2000?

23 A Yes.

24 Q All right. Did your work in the watershed
25 include what I called field work study? 09:18AM

1 MS. LONGWELL: Object, form.

2 A Yes.

3 Q Tell the court what field work study would be.

4 A Field work study would involve instrumenting,
5 collecting data at the field scale and our 09:18AM
6 developing mathematical models to investigate what
7 happens in terms of hydrology and water quality at a
8 scale typical of a field.

9 Q Do you have experience in actually taking
10 samples then while in the field? 09:19AM

11 A I have done a lot of field experimentation and
12 have been involved directly in collecting field
13 data.

14 Q Has your experience involved setting up
15 instrumentation which would remotely or 09:19AM
16 automatically collect data also?

17 A Yes.

18 Q In your work in the Illinois River watershed,
19 have you relied solely on just the data that you've
20 collected or others under your supervision? 09:20AM

21 A Ask that question again.

22 Q In your work in the Illinois River watershed,
23 is that work, and certainly the papers you've
24 written, relying solely on the data that you collect
25 or would it include data from others? 09:20AM

1 **A** No. It does involve data and publications
2 from others who have worked in the watershed.

3 **Q** So you have read published literature that
4 would have some impact on your study or
5 investigation; is that correct? 09:20AM

6 **A** Yes.

7 **Q** Based on your experience, how would you
8 characterize the volume of published literature and
9 data that involves the Illinois River watershed?

10 **A** It is, in my opinion, a very well studied 09:20AM
11 watershed. Compared to lots of other watersheds
12 that I have experienced or seen, it is a data-rich
13 watershed.

14 **Q** Do you know whether or not research and study
15 is still ongoing with regard to the Illinois River 09:21AM
16 watershed? By others first, let's ask that. Do you
17 know if others are still doing studies in the
18 Illinois River?

19 **A** I don't know for sure. There was some studies
20 going on when I left and was different assignment to 09:21AM
21 Purdue, so I assume they are still continuing.

22 **Q** Are you continuing to do any work in the
23 Illinois River watershed?

24 **A** Yes.

25 **Q** And that area of work involves what? 09:21AM

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1 **A** I am funded by USDA to study in Lincoln Lake
2 watershed different best management practices, how
3 do they work, and some of the socio-economic factors
4 associated with BMP adoption, implementation and
5 maintenance. 09:22AM

6 **Q** Do you have any estimate of how long that work
7 is going to continue?

8 **A** We are in fourth year of that project, so that
9 will end in September of '09.

10 **Q** All right. Tell me, what are some of the 09:22AM
11 sources of data that you have reviewed either
12 through literature or downloaded that became part of
13 your study or your work or your experience?

14 MS. LONGWELL: Object to form.

15 **A** Besides my own data, I have worked with the 09:22AM
16 data that have been collected by Arkansas Water
17 Resources Center, Arkansas Natural Resources
18 Commission and Arkansas Department of Environmental
19 Quality. I have worked with some GIS data that have
20 been compiled and are housed by Center For Advanced 09:23AM
21 and Special Technology, which is part of University
22 of Arkansas. So they come from a variety of
23 sources.

24 **Q** Is USGS also a source?

25 **A** Yes, of course, USGS is also a source of that 09:23AM

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1 **A** About 35 percent is forest. So that's about
2 90 percent, and rest are in other categories.

3 **Q** All right. Do you know what the approximate
4 percentage of the urban area is in the Illinois
5 River watershed? 09:28AM

6 **A** So it has to be less than 10 I would think.
7 More like 6 or 7 percent; no more than that.

8 **Q** Based on your knowledge and skill and
9 education, training and experience, including
10 reading published literature, do you have an opinion 09:28AM
11 what is the primary method used for poultry waste
12 disposal?

13 MS. LONGWELL: Object to form.

14 **A** Yes.

15 **Q** What is that opinion? 09:28AM

16 **A** Land application, surface application of
17 poultry litter.

18 **Q** All right. From your review of published
19 literature, do you have any knowledge of
20 approximately how long land application of poultry 09:29AM
21 waste has occurred in the IRW?

22 MS. LONGWELL: Object to form.

23 **A** Can you ask that question again?

24 **Q** I will. From your review of literature or
25 other sources, do you have knowledge of 09:29AM

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1 approximately how long poultry waste has been
2 generally land applied in the IRW?

3 MS. LONGWELL: I'm just going to state a
4 continuing objection to the term waste. I think
5 that's traditional, but that way I'm not going to
6 continue to object just because you use that word.

09:29AM

7 MR. GARREN: All right.

8 A Yes.

9 Q Approximately how long have you learned that
10 would be?

09:29AM

11 A For a long time. I mean, since poultry
12 industry has been concentrated in northwest
13 Arkansas.

14 Q All right. When I use the term waste, let me
15 maybe define that so that you and I have an
16 understanding, too. I define waste as the
17 excrement, the bedding material and things such as
18 feathers or wasted feed and moisture that occurs
19 that's taken out of the house at the conclusion of
20 the growing session, sometimes commonly referred to
21 as poultry litter in Arkansas. Do you know the term
22 poultry litter?

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23 A Yes.

24 Q And can you tell me what you understand the
25 term poultry litter would mean?

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1 says that Moores Creek has been studied -- looking
2 at Page 1, the second paragraph, and I'll quote,
3 Moores Creek watershed has been monitored
4 continuously from 1991 to 2004, except for a period
5 from October '97 to December '98. Did you rely on
6 any of the monitoring data that was collected during
7 that period for this report?

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8 **A** Yes.

9 **Q** Tell the court, if you would, please, what
10 were the general subject and objectives of the
11 research that you performed as reported in Exhibit
12 3.

09:38AM

13 **A** We wanted to continue to collect water quality
14 data from Moores Creek and Lincoln Lake, and then we
15 wanted to assess best management practices that were
16 implemented in the watershed and how they were
17 effective in improving water quality, and another
18 goal was to prepare a watershed management plan and,
19 you know, combine that with outreach training and
20 numerous activities, and then compile that out into
21 a project report that was submitted to the
22 funding agency.

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23 **Q** In the executive summary of this report at the
24 -- I believe the third sentence it said sources of
25 NPS, that would be non-point source pollution, in

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1 the watershed which are grazing, they are primarily
2 recycling the nutrients within the watershed.

3 Q Okay. I'm going to change subjects on you a
4 little bit now. When you were at the Arkansas

5 Water Resource Center --

09:56AM

6 A Can we take a real quick break?

7 Q We can take a break.

8 MR. GARREN: We're going off the Record for
9 just a second and we'll be back shortly.

10 (Following a short recess at 9:56 p.m.,
11 proceedings continued on the Record at 10:02 a.m.)

09:56AM

12 Q Dr. Chaubey, when you were in the Arkansas
13 Water Resource Center working with them, did you
14 have an opportunity to do any work called or
15 referred to as mass balance?

10:02AM

16 A Yes.

17 Q Tell the court, basically what does mass
18 balance mean?

19 A Mass balance involves -- basically it's
20 similar to balancing your checkbook, what comes in
21 and what goes out, and the difference is how much
22 gets accumulated. So we were doing that in the
23 context of nutrients, how much nutrients are getting
24 in the watershed, how much are getting out and then
25 what gets accumulated.

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1 Q When you say we, who are you referring to?

2 A Myself and my graduate student, and I had done
3 this work with Dr. Marc Nelson.

4 Q What is the name of the graduate student that
5 did your work? 10:03AM

6 A Kati White.

7 Q Let's look at another exhibit here. I'll hand
8 you Exhibit 15. Have you seen that document before?

9 A Yes.

10 Q The document is entitled Illinois River 10:04AM

11 Phosphorus Mass Balance Computation Draft, and it
12 has the name of Dr. Nelson, Kati White and your name
13 on the front page. Just for the Record, I'll let it
14 note that this has a Bates number of an ADEQ 2007

15 915. Can you tell the court, if you would, please, 10:04AM
16 what is this document?

17 A It was a draft report from the mass balance
18 study that we had done for phosphorus in the
19 Illinois River watershed.

20 Q What was the time period this mass balance 10:05AM
21 work was being performed?

22 A I believe we were looking from 1997 to 2001,
23 around that period.

24 Q The data that's reported in this Exhibit 15,
25 do you know whether or not -- or what was the source 10:05AM

1 of the data?

2 **A** We looked at a number of sources for the data.

3 Water quality data came from Arkansas Water

4 Resources Center and Dr. Marc Nelson, and then we

5 looked at USDA agricultural statistics reports. We 10:05AM

6 looked at fertilizer sale data in the two counties

7 where this watershed is located in Arkansas. So

8 there were a number of different sources. Some of

9 the point source data came directly from the

10 municipalities that have got the best water 10:06AM

11 treatment plants in the watershed.

12 **Q** If we look over at the third page of this

13 document, which is Bates number 0917, the title of

14 this spreadsheet says Illinois River Phosphorus Mass

15 Balance Inputs. Does this to your knowledge list 10:06AM

16 the inputs that were identified and considered in

17 your work?

18 **A** Yes.

19 **Q** Tell the court, what generally are those

20 inputs? 10:06AM

21 **A** So they are in two different categories, point

22 sources and non-point sources. Point sources are

23 effluent discharge from four wastewater treatment

24 plants that are located in the watershed, and the

25 non-point sources are sludge application, manure 10:07AM

1 from different animals, including swines, hogs,
2 broilers, layers, turkeys, cattle beef, dairy, and
3 also inorganic fertilizer.

4 Q The numbers that are shown in columns across
5 from the categories that you just described, what do 10:07AM
6 they represent?

7 A They represent the amount of phosphorus from
8 these different sources in different years from 1997
9 to 2001, and then various numbers for all these five
10 years. 10:07AM

11 Q And did the -- do I see in the last column of
12 this document percentages; is that what is
13 represented there?

14 A Yes.

15 Q What are those percentages representing in the 10:08AM
16 context of this document or this page?

17 A In the mass balance, when you look at the
18 input, what its category represents as a percentage
19 of the total input.

20 Q And so each category then is summed to a 10:08AM
21 percentage; is that what you're saying?

22 A Yes.

23 Q And in the column just to the left of that,
24 what does that column represent, the percentages
25 that we see there? 10:08AM

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1 **A** Broilers.

2 **Q** All right. Look at Page 8, if you would,
3 please, Dr. Chaubey. The first sentence in the
4 third paragraph, it says a key concept for
5 understanding this interpretation of the phosphorus
6 mass balance is that once phosphorus is in the
7 stream, it is not being removed from the stream,
8 except downstream. Can you tell me what that means?

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9 MS. LONGWELL: Object to form.

10 MR. GEORGE: Object to form, calls for
11 speculation.

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12 **A** What it means is that once phosphorus is
13 delivered to the stream, it will eventually be
14 transported downstream, and it is not removed by any
15 other mechanism.

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16 **Q** All right. So from that, if the stream leads
17 to Lake Tenkiller, will the phosphorus ultimately
18 end up in Lake Tenkiller?

19 MS. LONGWELL: Object to form.

20 MR. GEORGE: Object to the form.

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21 MS. LONGWELL: Calls for speculation.

22 **A** It will be transported down the stream and
23 eventually can be expected to reach there.

24 **Q** The reservoir?

25 **A** Yes.

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1 **A** So if the total numbers that you measure at
2 Highway 59 bridge does not change, if that stayed
3 the same, then percentage of point source
4 contribution would decrease and percentage of
5 non-point source contribution would increase, but if
6 the numbers go down similarly, then you may have to
7 look at that data.

10:41AM

8 **Q** Okay. In your professional experience and
9 review of published literature, are you aware of any
10 published paper that contradicts the findings and
11 conclusions shown in Exhibit 8?

10:41AM

12 MS. LONGWELL: Object to form.

13 **A** No.

14 **Q** Based on the numbers on Table 2, Page 6 that
15 you talked about earlier, the 1.8 million kilograms
16 in 1997 versus the total input of 3.1 million
17 kilograms, and based upon your knowledge, skill and
18 education and training, including review of
19 published literature, do you have an opinion whether
20 poultry production practices of land applying waste
21 is a substantial contributor of the phosphorus to
22 the overall phosphorus loads within the watershed?

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23 MS. LONGWELL: Object to form.

24 MR. GEORGE: Object to form, vague, calls
25 for an expert opinion that's not been found by this

10:43AM

1 witness.

2 A Yes.

3 Q And what would be that opinion?

4 MR. GEORGE: Same objection.

5 A Based on inputs, poultry litter is the 10:43AM
6 dominant source of phosphorus in the watershed.

7 Q All right. Is there anything else in your
8 knowledge, experience that you rely on in making
9 that opinion besides this Table 2?

10 MS. LONGWELL: Object to form. 10:43AM

11 A Other litter from this watershed and other
12 watersheds and published journals and reports from
13 others.

14 Q All right. Let's talk a little bit about some
15 terminology. Are you familiar with the term surface 10:44AM
16 runoff and -- well, let me just ask that. Are you
17 familiar with that term?

18 A Yes.

19 Q In a hydrologic concept, can you tell the
20 court what that means? 10:44AM

21 A What it means is when it rains, part of the
22 precipitation travels through the soil surface or
23 land surface, and that is primarily the surface
24 runoff. It can also represent some of the water
25 that travels partially through the subsurface but 10:44AM

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 2 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA
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 8 OKLAHOMA SECRETARY OF THE)
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1 **A** I have reviewed some of the papers that go
2 back to at least the '80s I would think. I have
3 reviewed quite a few papers when I wrote this report
4 on assessment of effectiveness of buffer zones in
5 removing impurities, and since then I continue to
6 review papers that get submitted to journals for my
7 opinion, and it has been, I would think, you know,
8 hundreds.

08:37AM

9 **Q** All right. This may seem so obvious that it's
10 a funny question, but I've not heard anything or
11 read anything that said there's a reason for buffer
12 strips other than to protect water quality. Do you
13 agree with that statement?

08:38AM

14 **A** Yes.

15 **Q** Let's -- woops. I've got to get it here. Let
16 me hand you Exhibit No. 7, Dr. Chaubey. Do you
17 recognize this as a study in a paper published by
18 you involving delineating runoff processes and
19 critical runoff areas in a pasture hillslope of the
20 Ozark Highlands?

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21 **A** I recognize this paper, yes.

22 **Q** Okay, and did you, in fact, co-author it?

23 **A** Yes. I was project director on this project
24 that was funded by USDA.

25 **Q** All right. This article was published in

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1 2008. Can you tell us generally what was the time
2 frame of the study that was conducted?

3 **A** I believe we collected data over a two-year
4 period. I think it was 2004-2005 or 2005-2006.

5 **Q** So we're looking at a two-year period time 08:39AM
6 frame?

7 **A** We are looking at a two-year period time
8 frame. We collected rainfall runoff data for every
9 single event that took place within that two-year
10 time frame. 08:39AM

11 **Q** All right, and these are natural rainfall
12 events?

13 **A** These are all natural rainfall events.

14 **Q** Was there any simulated rainfall events?

15 **A** No. 08:40AM

16 **Q** All right, and the area that this study was
17 conducted, tell the court where that is.

18 **A** The study was conducted in the Savoy
19 Experimental Watershed. Savoy Experimental
20 Watershed or SEW, as we refer in this paper is 08:40AM
21 subwatershed within the Illinois River watershed.

22 **Q** All right. It's not far from Fayetteville; is
23 that correct?

24 **A** It is not far from Fayetteville, yes.

25 **Q** All right. Look at the introduction in the 08:40AM

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1 left-hand column of this first page, and it says at
2 the bottom of that column, and I'll read it for the
3 Record, for example, storm runoff plays a major role
4 in phosphorus transport and diffuse P or phosphorus
5 pollution and is a major contributor to freshwater
6 systems. The role of P in accelerating
7 eutrophication in freshwater systems was recognized
8 over three decades ago, and you cite Schindler and
9 others in 1971. As a result, P transport has become
10 a focus of water quality research. That research
11 with regard to water quality relating to phosphorus,
12 as I understand it then, has been going on since the
13 early '70s; is that what this tells us?

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14 MR. BOND: Object to the form.

15 **A** Yes.

08:41AM

16 **Q** In your work in this study and others, have
17 you researched that other type of published
18 literature regarding the effects of phosphorus in
19 accelerating eutrophication in freshwater systems?

20 MR. BOND: Object to the form.

08:41AM

21 **A** In this and other studies we have done
22 literature review to see what others studied and
23 found.

24 **Q** Okay. Let's look at the abstract. I want to
25 ask you what the objective of the study was, and

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1 **Q** A considerable amount of it is unshaded areas;
2 would you agree?

3 MR. BOND: Object to form.

4 MS. TUCKER: Object to form.

5 MS. LONGWELL: Object to form. 09:34AM

6 **A** Yes.

7 **Q** Based on the studies we've talked about and
8 the published literature, your experience and
9 education, do you have an opinion whether there is
10 sufficient evidence to establish that phosphorus is 09:35AM
11 transported, phosphorus and nitrogen is transported
12 from waste-applied fields in runoff to the waters of
13 the Illinois River watershed?

14 MS. TUCKER: Object to form.

15 MR. BOND: Object to form.

16 MS. TUCKER: Object to form.

17 MR. FREEMAN: Object to form.

18 MS. LONGWELL: Object to form. Calls for
19 an undisclosed expert opinion.

20 **A** Yes. 09:35AM

21 **Q** What is your opinion?

22 MR. BOND: Same objection.

23 MS. HILL: Objection.

24 MS. TUCKER: Same objection.

25 MS. LONGWELL: Object to form. 09:35AM

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1 MR. FREEMAN: Object to form.

2 A Phosphorus is transported from the areas which
3 are treated with poultry litter.

4 Q Are you, sir, the only one in the scientific
5 community to draw such a conclusion? 09:35AM

6 MS. LONGWELL: Object to form.

7 MS. TUCKER: Object to form.

8 MS. HILL: Object to form.

9 A No, I am not. Number of studies have been
10 published. 09:36AM

11 Q And are those very recent studies or are they
12 of some vintage, if you will?

13 A There were studies in '80s and '90s before I
14 started looking at it, early '90s before I started
15 looking at it. 09:36AM

16 Q All right. Can you tell the court the names
17 of some authors that you're aware of that have drawn
18 similar conclusions that you've just told us about
19 today?

20 A Dwayne Edwards or D. R. Edwards has done lots 09:36AM
21 of studies in this area. Dr. Tommy Daniel or T. C.
22 Daniel. Dr. Andrew Sharpley. Dr. Tom Simms, I
23 believe he's a professor somewhere in the Delmarva
24 Peninsula area. He has published. There has been a
25 number of studies. 09:37AM

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1 Q Do you recall generally how those differences
2 -- what they are, what you observed when you tested
3 both?

4 A It has been a while since I published those.

5 Q It's not a memory test. If you don't 09:41AM
6 remember, that's fine.

7 A Yeah.

8 Q Okay. Have you seen any studies or published
9 materials that concern poultry waste from different
10 bird types would act any different than poultry 09:41AM
11 litter or manure from broilers let's say?

12 MS. HILL: Object to form.

13 A Ask the question one more time.

14 Q Have you seen any studies or published
15 materials concerned with poultry waste from 09:41AM
16 different bird types indicating that it would act
17 different than poultry from broilers, poultry waste?

18 MS. HILL: Same objection.

19 A So generally speaking the amount of -- there
20 will always be some losses taking place from the 09:42AM
21 areas treating with -- treated with the poultry
22 waste. The level of magnitude may be different
23 depending upon the consistency and the physical
24 chemical characteristics of the sources.

25 Q I'm going to hand you Exhibit No. 6, Dr. 09:42AM

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1 Chaubey. This is an article co-authored by you and
2 others entitled Nitrogen and Phosphorus
3 Concentrations and Export From An Ozark Plateau
4 Catchment in the United States published in 2003.

5 This involved the Beaver Lake basin, did it not?

09:42AM

6 A Yes.

7 Q And the -- generally what was the purpose of
8 the study, if you can recall?

9 A The purpose generally speaking was to look at
10 how the -- how much nitrogen and phosphorus was
11 coming from different land use areas in the basin
12 and how do they compare against each other.

09:43AM

13 Q In the very first sentence it indicates that
14 this was done in 1993 to 1995; is that true?

15 A Yes.

09:43AM

16 Q All right, and can you place the location of
17 the Beaver Lake watershed in relation to the
18 Illinois River watershed?

19 A Both of these are located in northwest
20 Arkansas, so they are in the same physiographic
21 region.

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22 Q Do they in fact abut each other?

23 A Yeah.

24 Q This indicates that there are 2,000 poultry
25 houses in the Beaver Lake basin. Were those

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1 documented in this study?

2 **A** Clarify that question for me, please.

3 **Q** Do you know where the source of that
4 information came from for the 2,000 poultry houses;
5 do you have a recollection? 09:44AM

6 **A** I don't remember. Must have come from some
7 published report.

8 **Q** Was there land-applied poultry waste occurring
9 in this watershed?

10 **A** Yes. 09:44AM

11 **Q** About midway down in the abstract portion of
12 this document it says, streams SRP. That's soluble
13 reactive process, is it not?

14 **A** Yes.

15 **Q** And then NO₃-N, is that nitrate? 09:45AM

16 **A** Yes.

17 **Q** And T and total nitrogen concentrations by
18 geometric mean increased linearly with percent of
19 pasture in watersheds, whereas N and P export
20 coefficient increased exponentially with pastureland 09:45AM
21 use. Can you break that down for lay terms and
22 explain what that means?

23 **A** What it means is you got -- you got a
24 watershed and then you got certain percentage of
25 pastures in that watershed. As that percentage of 09:45AM

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1 pastures in the watershed increased, we saw an
2 increase in concentration of these nutrients that we
3 were measuring. So if pasture area went up from 10
4 percent to 20 percent, we saw an increase in amount
5 of nitrogen and phosphorus that was being
6 transported from these areas.

09:46AM

7 **Q** Was there a conclusion or finding based upon
8 what you observed as just described?

9 **A** So we looked at the data in this watershed,
10 and the data supported this conclusion.

09:46AM

11 **Q** How were the activities of the land use
12 different in the Beaver Lake watershed than what you
13 see in the Illinois River watershed?

14 MS. TUCKER: Object to form.

15 MR. BOND: Form.

09:46AM

16 **A** The land use distribution is a little bit
17 different. Illinois River watershed has got a lot
18 more pasture areas than Beaver Lake watershed. I
19 believe the amount of percentage of pasture is
20 smaller in Beaver Lake watershed compared to
21 Illinois River watershed, but in terms of the
22 activities on those areas were probably not much
23 difference.

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24 **Q** All right. At the bottom of this abstract
25 there's a sentence that says, it is apparent that

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1 pasturelands in the basin affect stream nutrient
2 concentrations and export to Beaver Lake and its
3 tributaries. This investigation emphasizes a need
4 to carefully manage poultry litter because small
5 losses of nutrients compared to the total amount of
6 nutrients produced in the basin may still impact
7 stream nutrient concentrations and export. Is that
8 generally what this study found and concluded?

09:47AM

9 MR. BOND: Object to the form.

10 **A** Yes, that was the conclusion from this study.

09:47AM

11 **Q** Is that conclusion -- let me ask it this way:
12 Are there other studies of similar nature that shows
13 a relationship with increase in pasture to the
14 amount of nutrients found in the waters of that
15 watershed?

09:48AM

16 MS. HILL: Object to the form.

17 **A** There is at least one water study I'm familiar
18 with in that watershed, but if you look at the
19 general conclusion, there are a number of other
20 studies that point to the same conclusion.

09:48AM

21 **Q** Is it fairly well known in the scientific
22 community that increase in pasture uses will also
23 see increase in nutrients in nearby water bodies?

24 MR. BOND: Object to the form.

25 MS. TUCKER: Object to form.

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1 MR. FREEMAN: Object to form.

2 MS. LONGWELL: Form.

3 **A** Yes.

4 **Q** Are you aware of any studies that conclude
5 otherwise at this time?

09:48AM

6 **A** I am not.

7 **Q** How would you describe the geological features
8 found in the Beaver Lake basin compared to what you
9 see in the IRW?

10 MS. LONGWELL: Object to form.

09:49AM

11 **A** Both are very similar. Both are underlaid by
12 Karst geology, so their general behavior would be
13 very similar.

14 **Q** Look, if you would, at Page 82 of this report
15 in the lower left-hand corner. We can start at the
16 top when you get there, Page 82, upper left, the
17 left-hand column. It says, furthermore, Edwards and
18 Daniel in 1993 reported an increasing relationship
19 between P loading from poultry litter to soils and
20 runoff P levels. That's, I think, a report we
21 talked about earlier, is it not, that you are
22 familiar with?

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23 **A** Yes.

24 **Q** And do you agree with the conclusions that
25 they reached in that report?

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1 MR. BOND: Object to the form.

2 **A** Yes.

3 **Q** Looking down then in this same column in the
4 very last paragraph, midway down in it it says,
5 increasing nutrient concentrations were observed 09:50AM
6 with increasing proportion of pasture and streams in
7 the Beaver Lake basin, and several investigations
8 have shown similar increasing relationship in basins
9 throughout the United States, and then you cite
10 several studies there, and it goes on to say, thus, 09:50AM
11 land application of poultry manure to pastures in
12 northwest Arkansas may have impacted in-stream
13 nutrient concentrations. Is that a conclusion that
14 you believe is still accurate today?

15 MR. BOND: Object to the form. 09:51AM

16 **A** Yes.

17 **Q** Has there been anything occur to your
18 knowledge that would change your opinions as set
19 forth in this report?

20 **A** No. 09:51AM

21 **Q** On the right-hand column almost directly
22 across from where I was just reading it says,
23 nutrient yields are also about half of that observed
24 in the Illinois River basin during '97 and '99, an
25 Ozark Plateaus catchment near the basin, and then it 09:51AM

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1 cites Green and Haggard in 2001. Did you review
2 that study?

3 **A** I have seen Green and Haggard 2001 study.

4 **Q** And is that one of the studies you talked
5 about that had drawn similar conclusions as this 09:51AM
6 study?

7 **A** Uh-huh.

8 **Q** Would that be a yes?

9 **A** Yes.

10 **Q** Thank you.

11 **A** I'm sorry.

12 **Q** In your opinion, Dr. Chaubey, is there a
13 correlation between high STP levels and rates of
14 poultry waste manure or poultry litter application?

15 MS. TUCKER: Object to form. 09:52AM

16 MR. BOND: Object to form.

17 **Q** Let me restate it. Based upon your knowledge,
18 experience and expertise in this area, is high STP
19 levels in soil an indicator of poultry waste
20 application rates in excess of plant requirements? 09:52AM

21 MS. TUCKER: Same objection.

22 MR. BOND: Object to form.

23 MS. HILL: Object to the form.

24 MS. LONGWELL: Object to form. Calls for
25 an undisclosed expert opinion. 09:52AM

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1 during that meeting?

2 **A** I was asked if I would be willing to make a
3 deposition, and my answer was yes.

4 **Q** Okay. Why were you willing to give a
5 deposition?

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6 **A** I believe science should guide the policy in
7 any area, and someone who has worked extensively in
8 the watershed management and non-point source
9 pollution, looking at data collection, looking at
10 modeling, if my knowledge and expertise can guide
11 the policy decisions, I believe in that. So that
12 was what motivated me to say yes.

10:47AM

13 **Q** So you have a personal and a professional
14 interest in this?

15 **A** I have a professional interest into this.

10:47AM

16 **Q** Dr. Engel is one of your peers?

17 **A** Yes.

18 **Q** At Purdue?

19 **A** Yes.

20 **Q** Does he have any supervisory capacity or
21 review capacity over you?

10:47AM

22 **A** He is the department head in one of the three
23 departments in which I have an appointment right
24 now.

25 **Q** During this meeting with Dr. Engel, Mr. Garren

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1 MR. GARREN: Object to form.

2 A My intention is to offer opinions about how --
3 these agricultural watersheds we have and
4 specifically the watersheds that may be in the
5 similar physiographic regions with similar
6 hydrologic, geologic soil characteristics.

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7 Q So you do intend to opine that because you see
8 certain things happening in Beaver Lake, that might
9 be also applied in the Illinois River watershed?

10 MR. GARREN: Object to form.

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11 A Some of the processes will be similar.

12 Q And what processes are you referring to?

13 A I am talking about rainfall runoff processes.
14 I am talking about how different land use activities
15 respond to hydrology and water quality.

01:05PM

16 Q And those processes can vary a tremendous
17 amount across one basin; is that not correct?

18 MR. GARREN: Object to form.

19 A It depends upon what your question is, what
20 you are looking at. It can vary spatially and
21 temporally, but if you look at -- it depends upon
22 the scale of your analysis and what scale you are
23 looking at.

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24 Q And what was the scale of the Beaver Lake
25 study?

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1 **A** I believe we looked at all major tributaries
2 here. So except some of the minor areas here on the
3 top, it included all the major tributaries that are
4 contributing flow to the Beaver Lake.

5 Q And from there, you make some general 01:06PM
6 conclusions about what is seen across a watershed;
7 is that --

8 MR. GARREN: Object to form.

9 | Q -- what this study says?

10 MR. GARREN: Object to form. 01:07PM

11 **A** I did -- I did not get your question
12 completely. Can you clarify that, please?

13 Q I was interrupted. I'm sorry. And so the
14 conclusions that you reach in this study are general
15 in nature because they refer to processes across a 01:07PM
16 large basin?

17 MR. GARREN: Object to form.

18 **A** That is correct.

19 Q And this is not a site specific survey --
20 study, Exhibit 6? 01:07PM

21 MR. GARREN: Object to form.

22 **A** Again, it depends upon how you look at it
23 because lots of these studies are site specific
24 studies. Why scientifically we try to do there is
25 take general conclusions that could be applicable to 01:07PM

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1 other watersheds and similar conditions, so that if
2 this map become what limnologists call inorganic
3 leaf litter degradation in a mirror stream, but try
4 to under the general behavior that you can expect
5 under similar conditions.

01:08PM

6 Q Right, but observing general behavior across a
7 watershed doesn't tell you whether that behavior is
8 going to actually happen at a particular site at a
9 particular time even within that watershed?

10 A It tells you what you can expect in terms of
11 the processes.

01:08PM

12 Q What may happen?

13 MR. GARREN: Object to form.

14 Q A general conclusion about behaviors across a
15 watershed will give you -- is an opinion about what
16 a particular -- a particular process that may happen
17 at a specific site?

01:08PM

18 MR. GARREN: Object to form.

19 A Based upon what data has been collected, so
20 what you have seen. So it's not all hypothetical,
21 and it's not all out of line under -- you know,
22 unless the conditions change so much that it's not
23 the same study, you can expect that kind of
24 behavior.

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25 Q Assuming --

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